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Sir:

Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application and would appreciate it if they could be informed as to when they can expect to receive the initial Office Action in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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